

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

The Status of the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An interlock for a drawer positionable within a cabinet, the drawer being movable in the cabinet in a first direction toward an open position and in a second, opposite direction toward a closed position, said interlock comprising:

an elongated, flexible member;

a rotatable lever adapted to switch the amount of slack in said elongated, flexible member between a low slack condition and a high slack condition by rotating between a first and second position, respectively;

a rotatable engagement member that is rotatable relative to the rotatable lever and is positioned to cause said rotatable lever to rotate toward said first position when said drawer is initially moved from the closed position in the first direction.

2. (Previously presented) The interlock of claim 1 further comprising a biasing member positioned adjacent said lever, said biasing member adapted to exert a biasing force that tends to prevent said lever from rotating from said second position to said first position until said drawer is moved in said first direction to the open position.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Original) The interlock of claim 1 wherein said elongated, flexible member is a cable.

5. (Currently amended) The interlock of claim 1 wherein said elongated, flexible member is in communication with at least one other rotatable lever ~~drawer~~ ~~interlock~~ associated with another drawer, said at least one other rotatable lever ~~drawer~~ ~~interlock~~ adapted to change said elongated, flexible member from the high slack to the low slack condition when the at least one other drawer is moved to an open position.

6. (Original) The interlock of claim 1 wherein said elongated, flexible member is in communication with a lock, said lock adapted to selectively change said elongated, flexible member between said low and high slack conditions.

7. (Original) The interlock of claim 6 further including a second, elongated flexible member in communication with a second lock and said lever, said second lock adapted to selectively change said second elongated, flexible member between said low and high slack conditions.

8. (Previously presented) The interlock of claim 1 wherein said lever is to be mounted on a drawer slide member.

9. (Previously persented) The interlock of claim 8 wherein said interlock is to be solely mounted to said drawer slide member.

10. (Original) The interlock of claim 1 wherein said rotatable lever is configured to translate a first force exerted on the drawer in the first direction into a second force exerted against said elongated, flexible member that is less than said first force.

11. (Original) The interlock of claim 10 wherein said second force is less than one-half of said first force.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Canceled)

14. (Canceled)

15. (Original) The interlock of claim 4 further including a cable guide adapted to snap-fittingly receive the cable from at least one direction.

Claims 16 – 64 (Canceled).

65. (Currently amended) An interlock for a drawer positionable within a cabinet, the drawer being movable in the cabinet in a first direction toward an open position and in a second, opposite direction toward a closed position, said interlock comprising:

an elongated, flexible member adapted to be changeable between a high slack condition and a low slack condition;

a cam member having a driving surface, and having a projection that communicates with a slot in ~~that is attached to~~ a drawer slide member; and

an actuating member positioned to be operatively engageable with said elongated, flexible member, and engageable with the cam driving surface, said actuating member adapted to change said elongated, flexible member to said low slack position when the drawer is opened and to allow said elongated flexible member to exist in said high slack condition when the drawer is closed; and

wherein the actuating member moves via the cam drive surface with the cam being moved via the projection being engaged with the slot in the drawer slide member.

66. (Previously presented) The interlock of claim 65 wherein the actuating member further comprises a rotatable lever.

67. (Previously presented) The interlock of claim 65 wherein the cam member is rotatable.

68. (Previously presented) The interlock of claim 65 further comprising a spring that exerts a force on said actuating member.

69. (Previously presented) The interlock of claim 65 wherein the actuating member is adapted to move a distance with respect to the elongated, flexible member at least five times greater than the distance the drawer moves when initially being moved toward an open position.

70. (Previously presented) The interlock of claim 65 wherein the cam member is to be mounted on a drawer slide member.

71. (Previously presented) The interlock of claim 65 wherein the interlock is to be mounted on a drawer slide.

72. (Previously presented) The interlock of claim 65 wherein the actuating member is adapted to move with respect to the elongated, flexible member faster than the driving surface moves when the drawer is initially being moved toward an open position.

73. (Currently amended) An interlock for a drawer positionable within a cabinet, the drawer being movable in the cabinet in a first direction toward an open position and in a second, opposite direction toward a closed position, said interlock comprising:

an elongated, flexible member;

a rotatable lever adapted to switch the amount of slack in said elongated, flexible member between a low slack condition and a high slack condition by rotating between a first and second position, respectively;

an engagement member positioned to cause said rotatable lever to rotate toward said first position when said drawer is initially moved from the closed position in the first direction; and

wherein said engagement member further comprises a projection that communicates with a slot in that is attached to a drawer slide member; and

wherein the rotatable lever moves via the engagement member with the engagement member being moved via the projection being engaged with the slot in the drawer slide member.

74. (Previously presented) The interlock of claim 73 wherein said interlock is to be solely mounted to a drawer slide having said drawer slide member.